



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Administration
STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908 - 5872

April 23, 2007

Dear Municipal Officials and School Representatives:

The Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program, Department of Transportation and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Steering Committee announce a **call for proposals** to participate in the **100% federally funded SRTS Program**.

The purpose of this reimbursement program for schools housing grades K-8 is to:

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and to
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of elementary and middle schools.

Eligible activities include:

- The planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects such as sidewalk construction or repair that improve the ability of students to safely walk and bicycle to school;
- The undertaking of non-infrastructure activities such as "walking school buses" and "bike rodeos" that are designed to encourage walking and bicycling to school; and
- The conducting of one day National SRTS Training Courses.

Eligible applicants include individual public and private schools, entire school districts, municipalities and non-profit 501(c)(3)'s such as Parent Teacher Organizations.

Applications must be submitted to Ms. Ronnie Sirota, RI SRTS Coordinator, RI Statewide Planning Program, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 no later than **4:00 PM on Thursday, July 12, 2007**.

Copies of the Application Form, Guide and other applicable resources are enclosed to assist in the proper preparation and submittal of proposals (see below). Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF versions of the Application Form are available for download at:

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/transportation/default.htm>. Two instructional workshops designed to further assist in this regard will also be conducted for the benefit of potential applicants on Monday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m and Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the RI Department of Administration at One Capitol Hill, Providence (see enclosed flyer). The program will be the same both days.

Thank you for your consideration of this important **100% federally funded** opportunity and please feel free to contact Ms. Sirota via telephone at (401) 222-1233 or via email at rsirota@doa.state.ri.us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Jared L. Rhodes II
Chief

Enclosures:

- RI SRTS Program Overview
- Application Form
- Information and Application Guide
- Project Submission Limit Chart
- Engineering Data Sheet
- Cost Estimating Guide
- Walkability Checklist
- Student Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet

Copied To:

- City/Town Chief Executives
- School Superintendents
- City/Town Planning Directors
- City/Town Public Works Directors
- RI SRTS Steering Committee
- Police Chiefs via email
- K-8 Principals via email
- School nurse teachers and health teachers via email
- School committee chairs w/o enclosures